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**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 21, 2005, petition for a two-month extension of time and payment being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.

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